

State of California • Environmental Protection Agency Integrated Waste Management Board

## CITY OF SAN JOSE RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT ZONE



#### ZONE INFORMATION

The City of San Jose, located in Santa Clara County, is known as the Capital of Silicon Valley. It is the third largest city in California and the largest in northern California. While the entire city is designated a Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ), San Jose has two targeted "Green Industry" districts which will be the focus of local, proactive outreach to strengthen existing businesses and attract new businesses.

### **PROGRAM INFORMATION**

California Recycling Market Development Zones are designated by the Integrated Waste Management Board. The Board offers low-interest loans up to \$1 million, technical assistance on financing strategies, and assistance in marketing zones nationally and internationally. For more information on this program and other market development programs, contact the Board's Recycling Business Assistance Branch at (916) 255-1000.

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#### TARGET MATERIALS

Materials identified to provide businesses with continuous feedstock include mixed waste paper and newspaper, plastics, glass, aluminum, steel and bimetal containers, construction and demolition debris, yardwaste and other organic materials, tires, and used motor oil.

#### **INFRASTRUCTURE**

San Jose has historically had a large processing manufacturing base and the infrastructure necessary to support such industries. In addition, the Green Industry districts are located near highways 101, 680, and 880 and have direct rail access. The city has identified many structures that would be suitable for manufacturing businesses using the targeted materials.

#### INCENTIVES

San Jose has a program to encourage retrofitting and retooling of existing businesses to use recyclables in their manufacturing processes and to attract new businesses. The city has an \$800,000 Green Industry Fund to provide financial incentives to companies that manufacture with recyclables and establish operations in the zone. Other incentives include assistance with rapid permit processing, business siting, marketing new products, the city's right to direct the recyclables collected to businesses located in the zone, and an entrepreneurial approach to working with companies. Businesses located in the Green Industry targeted areas are eligible for additional incentives such as suspension of construction-related taxes and deferral of sewage connection fees.

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